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Thompson ~~later~~ briefed Ambassadorial Group on Mikoyan

with President and Secretary.

talk with President did not include any ~~reference to~~ discussion

Berlin and except for reference to Soviet failure to fulfill obligations in Laos only Cuba was discussed. 611.6
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On Cuba, Mikoyan took line that Soviet missiles had¹⁶¹ been only defensive and had been erected because of invasion threats by QTE Nixon and Pentagon generals UNQTE.

Mikoyan had no new instructions and it was agreed that negotiations would continue in New York.

Conversations with Secretary covered wider field, but

on Berlin

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Telegraphic transmission and
distillation covered by:

S/AL *h* Ambassador Thompson

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BTF - Mr. Hillenbrand MTH

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[on Berlin Mikoyan only reviewed history of Soviet proposals in standard terms. Secretary briefly reviewed our attitude, to which Mikoyan responded that President should not expect additional proposals from the Soviets as they are waiting for us.

In reply to question from Alphand, Thompson said that if New York talks failed, in that no on-site inspection can be arranged, [] and we would assume that US surveillance will continue.

Alphand gave French analysis that change in Soviet attitude on UN status for Berlin troops between Khrushchev talks with Roberts and with Canadian Amb (as well as letter to Macmillan) was tactical to show no Soviet weakness in light of Cuban affair and that Cuba could not be considered standard for solutions of outstanding problems. Other Alphand points were (1) Berlin problem has not disappeared and West is now receiving warning of this from Soviets; (2) resumption of tensions in Berlin is not immediate; (3) Khrushchev, knowing the risk of a separate peace treaty, does not plan one; (4) Khrushchev attempts to use UN vindicate French opposition to any UN formula for Berlin arrangements; (5) French amazed at instability of Khrushchev.

British views on Soviet Berlin tactics given other three in written. These being pouched principal addressees.

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With exception French views, foregoing may be used NAC meeting
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